

Likewise, Applicants respectfully submit that Hitchcock et al. does not teach or suggest the method of claim 33, wherein the network device is a router, as recited in claim 34. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Hitchcock et al. does not teach or suggest the method of claim 33 wherein the network device is a switch, as recited in dependent claim 35.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-63 for at least the above stated reasons.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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